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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 03825

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF PANAMA

1. FINALLY HAD A CHANCE FOR BRIEF TALK WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER GONZALEZ-REVILLA AFTER HIS RECENT TRAVELS. HE
SAID THAT LOPEZ MICHELSEN AND ANDRES PEREZ ARE FULLY COM-
MITTED TO PARTICIPATION IN EXCHANGE OF TREATY RATIFICATION
DOCUMENTS, AS EXPECTED. MANLEY, TOO, HAS SIGNED ON BUT
MAY WISH TO LEAVE EARLY.

2. MINISTER SAID HE FLOATED IDEA OF POSSIBLE JOINT
DECLARATION WITH EACH OF THE LEADERS. HE DID NOT GIVE
THEM ANYTHING IN WRITING BUT TALKED ABOUT WHAT SUCH A
DOCUMENT MIGHT COVER. HE SAID THAT IN EACH CASE THE
LEADERS TOLD HIM THEY FELT STRONGLY THAT SUCH A STATEMENT
SHOULD CONTAIN SPECIFICS OF INTEREST TO THEM AND TO THE
AREA. MY OWN FEELING IS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO WANT MORE
THAN WE CAN POSSIBLY GIVE.

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3. LOPEZ WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT JOINT STATEMENT WOULD
BE GOOD IF IT CONTAINS DEFINITE STEPS (HE MENTIONED COFFEE
AGREEMENT AS AN EXAMPLE). MINISTER SAID LOPEZ TOLD HIM
QUOTE WE DON'T WANT POETRY UNQUOTE. ANDRES PEREZ ALSO
SPOKE OF INCLUDING SPECIFICS AND IS TAKING A SHOT AT
DRAFTING THE KIND OF STATEMENT HE WOULD FAVOR. MANLEY

FELT THAT ANY JOINT STATEMENT SHOULD MAKE REFERENCE TO A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. MINISTER ADDED THAT COSTA RICA WANTED TO INCLUDE SOMETHING ON TUNA.

4. AS CAN BE SEEN, OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNE 16-17 FESTIVITIES WILL TRY HARD TO WIND CONCESSIONS FROM US ON PROBLEM AREAS OF THE GREATEST MOMENT TO THEM. WITHOUT THAT KIND OF MEAT, THEY WILL NOT BE TOO INTERESTED IN THE BONE STRUCTURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THE BOGOTA GROUP (ON COFFEE TO COLOMBIA, ON TUNA TO COSTA RICA, ETC.) OTHER LATIN NATIONS WILL SURELY BE MIFFED AT EXCLUSION OF THEIR PET PROBLEMS. IN SUM, THE TREND SEEMS TO BE IN THE DIRECTION OF LETTING THIS HISTORIC MOMENT--THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW ERA IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH THIS PART OF THE WORLD, THE ENDING OF COLONIALISM, THE NEW STANDARD OF EQUALITY BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALL COUNTRIES--STAND ON ITS OWN FEET. AFTER ALL, WE DIDN'T END WORLD WAR II AND LAUNCH NATO ON THE SAME DAY. JORDEN

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